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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP [3700]**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventors: Zucherman, et al.

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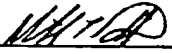
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RESPONSE D TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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This RESPONSE D is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2004.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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